

**We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. –Winston Churchill**

From a community perspective, donations contribute to the overall enhancement of the community. For example, from its 1988 inception to completion in 2006, the Pullman Downtown Riverwalk, spearheaded by the Pullman Civic Trust, inspired \$400,147 in donations from 273 individuals, couples, families, businesses and funds from state and local government for a total of 1.05 million.

Donations of all kinds, including volunteer service, help to keep taxes low. Police, fire, library, recreation and parks volunteers help to reduce overtime costs and the need for increased staffing. Dollar donations hold down expenditures for park expansions, library book acquisitions, etc.

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